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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Benjamin Fisherow, Assistant Chief Environmental Enforcement Section Environment and Natural Resources Division U.S. Department of Justice P.O. Box 7611 Ben Franklin Station Washington, D.C.

Re: <u>Pre-Referral Litigation Report for the Himco Dump Superfund</u>
Site, Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Mr. Fisherow:

Enclosed for your review, please find the pre-referral litigation report (the Report) prepared in anticipation of the commencement of RD/RA negotiations related to the Himco Dump Superfund site, which is located in Elkhart, Indiana. The Report includes a summary of the site history and discusses anticipated litigation issues. The Report was jointly prepared by the Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel of the U.S. EPA and the Waste Management Division. Supporting documentation enclosed with the report includes: U.S. EPA's proposed plan for remedial action, the draft RD/RA consent decree and the draft RD/RA scope of work.

We look forward to receiving your comments on the draft consent decree and scope of work within thirty days of receipt of the Report. Please direct your questions and comments to the assigned attorney, Thomas Nash, (312) 886-0552.

Sincerely,

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